

Introduced by Senator Jackson

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 2627 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to disability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 667, as introduced, Jackson. Disability insurance: eligibility: waiting period.

Under existing law, a disabled individual is eligible to receive disability benefits equal to $\frac{1}{7}$ of his or her weekly benefit amount for each full day during which he or she is unemployed due to a disability if the Director of Employment Development makes specified findings, including that the individual has been unemployed and disabled for a waiting period of 7 consecutive days during each disability benefit period. Existing law provides that during this 7-day waiting period, no disability benefits are payable.

This bill would waive the 7-day waiting period for an individual who has already served the 7-day waiting period for the same or a related condition within the previous 60 days. The bill would also require the director to submit a report regarding the effect of the modified waiting period to the Legislature by January 1, 2020, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2627 of the Unemployment Insurance
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 2627. A disabled individual is eligible to receive disability
2 benefits equal to one-seventh of his or her weekly benefit amount
3 for each full day during which he or she is unemployed due to a
4 disability only if the director finds that:

5 (a) He or she has made a claim for disability benefits as required
6 by authorized regulations.

7 (b) (1) He or she has been unemployed and disabled for a
8 waiting period of seven consecutive days during each disability
9 benefit period with respect to which waiting period no disability
10 benefits are payable.

11 (2) *The waiting period requirement shall not apply to a person*
12 *who has already served the seven-day waiting period for the same*
13 *or a related condition within the previous 60 days.*

14 (c) Except as provided in Sections 2626.1, 2626.2, and 2709,
15 he or she has submitted to such reasonable examinations as the
16 director may require for the purpose of determining his or her
17 disability.

18 (d) Except as provided in Section 2708.1, he or she has filed a
19 certificate as required by Section 2708 or 2709.

20 (e) *The director shall report to the Legislature regarding the*
21 *effect of the modified waiting period in paragraph (2) of*
22 *subdivision (b) on or before January 1, 2020, and may submit*
23 *subsequent reports thereafter. The report shall be submitted in*
24 *compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.*